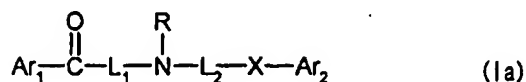


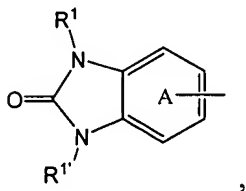
Amendments to the Claims

1-48. (Cancelled)

49. (New) A compound represented by the formula:



wherein Ar₁ represents



wherein A ring represents a benzene ring which may have 1 to 4 substituents selected from (i) halogen, (ii) C₁₋₆ alkoxy, (iii) halogenoC₁₋₆ alkoxy, (iv) amino, (v) (mono or di) C₁₋₆ alkylamino, (vi) hexamethyleneimino, (vii) C₁₋₆ alkyl which may be substituted with carboxy optionally esterified with C₁₋₆ alkyl, (viii) lower alkyl-carbonylamino, (ix) lower alkylsulfonylamino, (x) aminosulfonyl, (xi) (mono or di) C₁₋₆ alkylaminosulfonyl, (xii) carbamoyl, (xiii) (mono or di) C₁₋₆ alkylcarbamoyl, and (xiv) cyano,

R¹ and R^{1'} each individually represent (1) hydrogen atom, (2) C₁₋₆ alkyl group or C₇₋₁₆ aralkyl group, each of which may have 1 or 2 substituents selected from hydroxy and C₁₋₆ alkoxy-carbonyl, or (3) a group represented by the formula: -(C=O)-R^{2'}, -(C=O)-NR^{2'}R^{3'} or -SO₂R^{2'} wherein R^{2'} and R^{3'} represent hydrogen atom, optionally halogenated C₁₋₆ alkyl or C₆₋₁₀ aryl, respectively;

L₁ represents a C₄₋₆ alkylene group which may have 1 to 4 substituents selected from halogen atom, nitro, cyano, optionally halogenated C₁₋₆ alkoxy and hydroxy;

L₂ represents a C₂₋₄ alkylene group which may have 1 to 4 substituents selected from halogen atom, hydroxy, oxo and phenyl;

R represents (i) hydrogen atom, (ii) C₁₋₄ alkyl group which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen atom and hydroxy or (iii) C₇₋₁₆ aralkyl group;

X represents a bond, an oxygen atom or NH; and

Ar₂ represents a C₆₋₁₀ aryl group which may have 1 to 5 substituents selected from halogen atom, C₁₋₆ alkyl group, halogenoC₁₋₆ alkyl, hydroxy, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, halogenoC₁₋₆ alkoxy, nitro, amino, cyano, carbamoyl, amino which may be substituted with carbamoyl or formyl, each of which is optionally substituted with C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₃ alkylenedioxy, aminocarbonyloxy group which may be substituted with C₁₋₆ alkyl, aminosulfonyl, mono-C₁₋₆ alkylaminosulfonyl and di-C₁₋₆ alkylaminosulfonyl, or a salt thereof.

50. (New) The compound according to claim 49, wherein A ring represents a benzene ring which may have 1 or 2 substituents selected from aminosulfonyl, mono- or di-C₁₋₆ alkylaminosulfonyl, carbamoyl and mono- or di-C₁₋₆ alkyl-carbamoyl, R¹ and R^{1'} each individually represent (1) hydrogen atom, (2) C₁₋₆ alkyl group or C₇₋₁₆ aralkyl group, each of which may have 1 or 2 substituents selected from hydroxy and C₁₋₆ alkoxy-carbonyl, or (3) a group represented by the formula: -(C=O)-R^{2'}, -(C=O)-NR^{2'}R^{3'} or -SO₂R^{2'} wherein R^{2'} and R^{3'} represent hydrogen atom, optionally halogenated C₁₋₆ alkyl or C₆₋₁₀ aryl, respectively,

L₁ represents a C₄₋₅ alkylene group,

L₂ represents a C₂₋₃ alkylene group which may have phenyl, hydroxy or oxo,

R represents hydrogen atom or C₁₋₄ alkyl group,

X represents a bond, an oxygen atom or NH, and

Ar₂ represents a C₆₋₁₀ aryl group which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen atom, nitro, hydroxy, optionally halogenated C₁₋₆ alkyl, optionally halogenated C₁₋₆ alkoxy and aminosulfonyl.

51. (New) (1) 5-[5-[[2-(2-chlorophenyl)ethyl](methyl)amino]pentanoyl]-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof,
(2) 5-[5-[[2-(2-chlorophenyl)ethyl](methyl)amino]pentanoyl]-1,3-dimethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof,
(3) 5-[5-[methyl(2-phenylethyl)amino]pentanoyl]-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof,

- (4) 5-[5-[[2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethyl](methyl)amino]pentanoyl]-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof,
- (5) 1,3-dimethyl-5-[5-[methyl(2-phenylethyl)amino]pentanoyl]-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof,
- (6) 5-[5-[[2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethyl](methyl)amino]pentanoyl]-1,3-dimethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof,
- (7) 5-[5-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]pentanoyl]-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof,
- (8) 5-(5-[[2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]amino]pentanoyl)-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof,
- (9) 5-(5-[[2-(2-chlorophenyl)ethyl]amino]pentanoyl)-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof,
- (10) 1,3-dimethyl-5-[5-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]pentanoyl]-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof,
- (11) 5-(5-[[2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]amino]pentanoyl)-1,3-dimethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof,
- (12) 1,3-dimethyl-5-[5-(2-[2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethyl)amino]pentanoyl]-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof,
- (13) 5-(5-{[3-(2-methoxyphenyl)propyl]amino}pentanoyl)-1,3-dimethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof,
- (14) 5-(5-{[2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy)ethyl]amino}pentanoyl)-1,3-dimethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof,
- (15) 5-[5-(2-[2-(2-ethoxyphenyl)amino]ethyl)amino]pentanoyl]-1,3-dimethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof,
- (16) (±)-1,3-dimethyl-5-{5-[[2-(2-chlorophenyl)ethyl](methyl)amino]hexanoyl}-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof,
- (17) 5-(5-{[2-(2-chlorophenyl)ethyl]amino}pentanoyl)-1,3-dimethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof,
- (18) 5-(5-{[2-(2-chlorophenyl)ethyl]amino}pentanoyl)-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof,
- (19) 6-(5-{[2-(2-chlorophenyl)ethyl]amino}pentanoyl)-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof,

(20) 5-(5-{[2-(2-chloro-4-hydroxyphenyl)ethyl]amino}pentanoyl)-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof,

(21) 6-(5-{[2-(2-chloro-4-hydroxyphenyl)ethyl]amino}pentanoyl)-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof, or

(22) 5-(5-{[2-(2-chloro-4-hydroxyphenyl)ethyl]amino}pentanoyl)-1,3-dimethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one or a salt thereof.